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# Energy Efficiency Assessment

## What is an energy rating and when do I require an energy rating?

An energy rating is an assessment of the thermal properties of a building. The rating takes into account the following:

- Glazing
- Insulation
- Breeze paths (air movement/cross ventilation)
- Building orientation
- Draft sealing (seals to doors, windows, chimneys)
- Heating and cooling

All new dwellings or dwelling additions must comply with the provisions of the Building Code of Australia in relation to energy efficiency.

## Who can provide an energy assessment?

The assessment can be made under the Building Code of Australia or by using House Energy Rating Software (including FirstRate\* and AccuRate).

If the assessment is made under the Building Code of Australia your architect or building designer can provide this service.

If the assessment is made using the House Energy Rating Software an accredited assessor must be used. A list of accredited assessors can be found on the State Government website.

## What energy rating do I need to achieve to meet the minimum requirements?

An energy rating of not less than 6 stars is required to meet the minimum requirements.